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Graduation/Dropout Review and Comment (GAD) Application

Application User's Guide

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Introduction

This guide is intended for all users of the Graduation/Dropout Review and Comment (GAD) Application. This guide includes directions for using the GAD application to review, comment, print and submit the data utilized for the graduation and dropout rates. This guide is divided into sections as they appear in the application and provides a definition for, and general information about, each section of the application.

Methodology

For additional information concerning the graduation and dropout methodology, please access the CEPI Web site at: http://www.michigan.gov/cepi.

The GAD Application can be accessed at: https://cepi.state.mi.us/graddrop/.

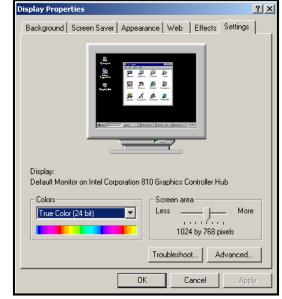
Browser and System Suggestions

Internet Explorer (6.0 or higher) is the preferred browser for all CEPI applications. While it is possible to use a Netscape/Firefox browser to access CEPI applications, please be advised that these applications do not function as well in Netscape/Firefox as they do in Internet Explorer. For example, many Netscape/Firefox users report pages format improperly or the appearance of data is not preserved when using the back and forward buttons. The problem is not with the application, but with the functionality built inside the Netscape browser.

To upgrade to the most recent version of Internet Explorer, click on: http://www.microsoft.com/windows/ie/default.asp.

For best performance, view the application with a monitor resolution of 800 X 600 or higher.

Windows users can change the resolution of their monitors by going to the **START** button, selecting **SETTINGS**, then selecting



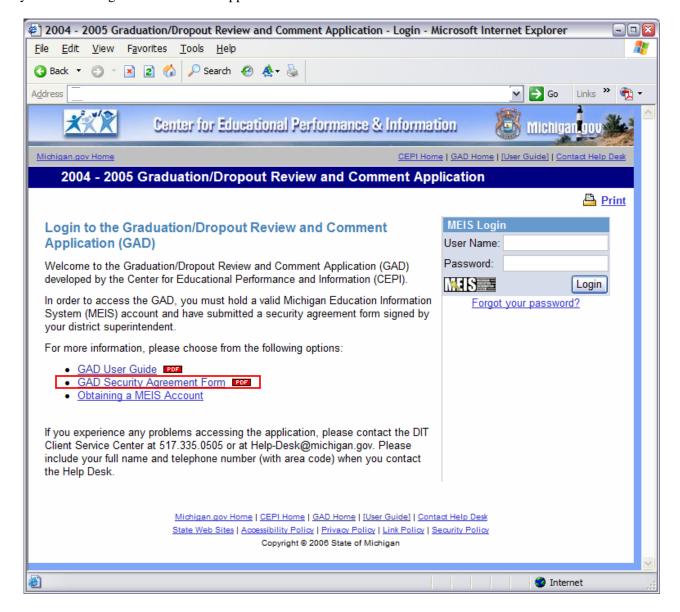
CONTROL PANEL, and then selecting **DISPLAY**. You may also place your mouse pointer on the desktop (on the background, not on an icon), click the right mouse button and choose **PROPERTIES**.

Go to the **Desktop Area** setting, and slide it over to 800 x 600. It is recommended that you do not try a higher desktop resolution than this until you have read your monitor manual to see what maximum resolution is supported.

Application Startup and Security

To become an authorized user of the GAD Application, you must first obtain an MEIS account. If you do not have an MEIS account, go to the MEIS home page (http://www.michigan.gov/meis), and click on the MEIS logo. On the following screen, click on "Create an MEIS Account."

After you have established your MEIS account, download a security agreement form for the application. From the GAD home page, click on "GAD Security Agreement Form." Complete the form and fax it to the Department of Information Technology (DIT) Client Service Center, using the fax number found at the bottom of the form. After the form has been processed at the DIT Client Service Center, you will receive an e-mail notification that you have been given access to the application.

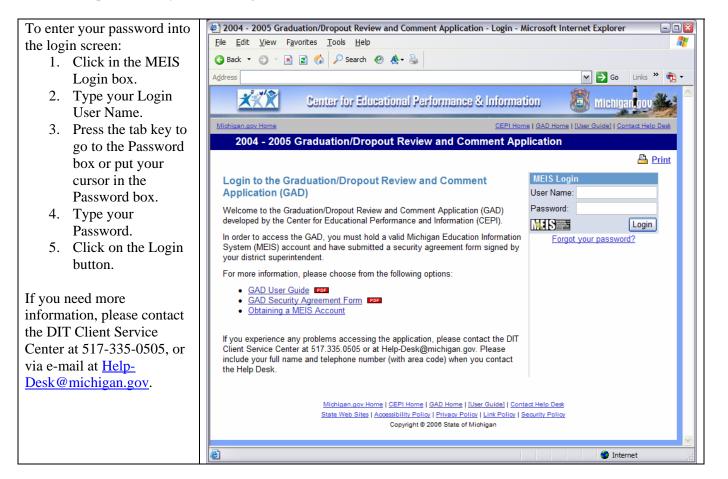


If you experience problems with your MEIS account or password while you are using the application, please contact the DIT Client Service Center at 517-335-0505, or by e-mail at Help-Desk@michigan.gov.

GAD Login

Once you have an MEIS account, proceed to the GAD Application at the following address: https://cepi.state.mi.us/graddrop/.

The next step is to enter your MEIS login "User Name" and "Password":



System Logs Out User

The login is needed to establish user identity and allow access rights to the database information. Please remember that the session is tracked. Your login user name and password are valid as long as you have been active on the screen within the last 30 minutes. If your connection has been inactive for a period of 30 minutes, your access authorization ends, and you must log in again.

Select School/Facility

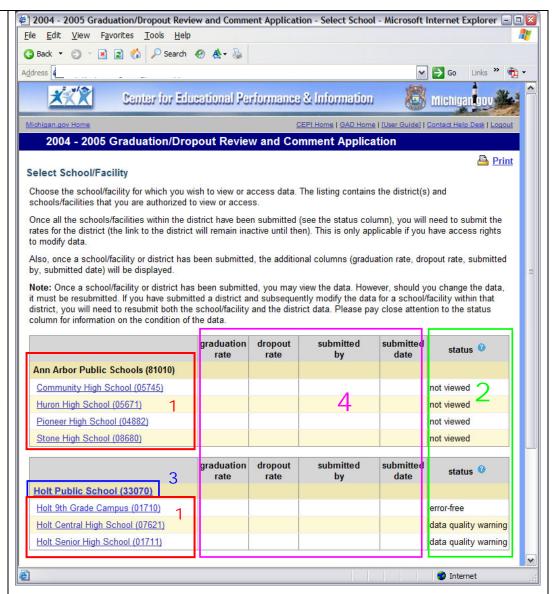
After logging in, a screen similar to the following screen will appear that will allow you to access the schools/facilities and district(s) you are authorized to view or access.

Choose the school/facility for which you wish to view or access data. The listing contains the district(s) and school/facilities that you are authorized to view or access (see #1).

Once all the schools/facilities within the district have been submitted (status column - see #2),you will need to submit the rates for the district (the link to the district will remain inactive until then see #3). This is only applicable if you have access rights to modify data. Also, once a school/facility or district has been submitted, the additional columns (graduation rate, dropout rate, submitted by, submitted date) will be displayed (see #4).

Note: Once a school/facility or district has been submitted, you may view the data. However, should you change the data, it must be resubmitted. If you have submitted a district and subsequently modify the data for a school/facility within that district, you will need to resubmit both the school/facility and the district data. Please pay close attention to the status column for information on the condition of the data.

Also if a school/facility or district has the words "checked out" listed next to it, another authorized user is currently editing that entity and it can not be accessed until that person is done.



Status Definitions

- Not Viewed An authorized user has not accessed the report.
- Contains Errors The system has identified errors in the report that must be corrected before the
 data can be submitted.
- Error-Free The report does not contain any errors and is ready to be submitted.
- Data Quality Issue The report does not contain any system-identified errors and can still be submitted; however, a data quality issue(s) exists that should be reviewed prior to submission.
- **Submitted** The report has been submitted to CEPI. Note: you may change submitted data; however, it may yield new system-identified error(s) and data quality issue(s) that will need to be corrected or reviewed before the report can be resubmitted.

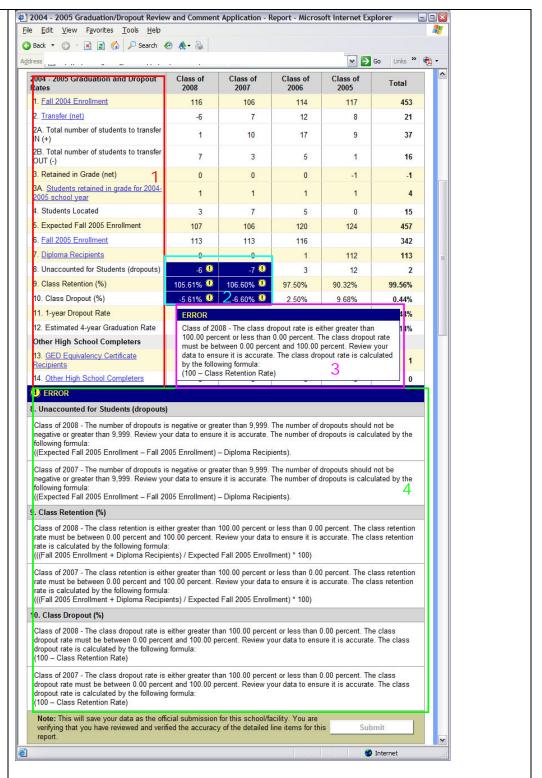
Editing School/Facility Data

Your school/facilities or district's graduation and dropout rates are displayed below. If you need to edit data, select a topic from the left-most column (see #1).

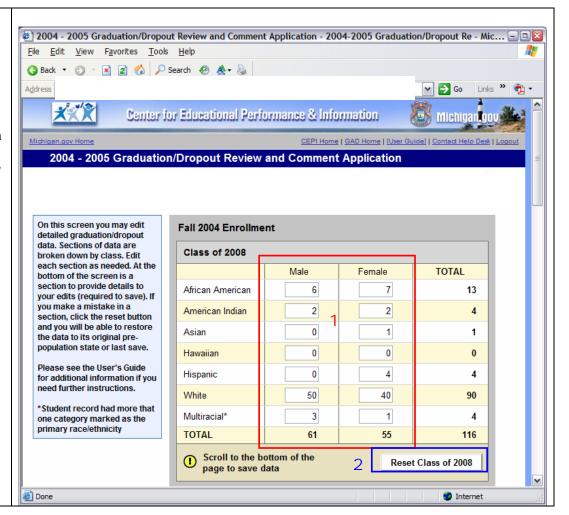
If the system identifies errors, the problem cells will be highlighted in blue (see #2). Move your mouse over the !!! icon to see additional information (see #3). A detailed log of errors (see #4) is listed further down the page (you will most likely have to scroll). Correct any system-identified errors by clicking on a topic in the left column (see #1), which will be explained in more detail beginning on the next page.

If the system displays no errors proceed to page 10 of this document.

FYI – **Exit option prior** to submission: If you choose to leave this page without submitting, so that you may return at a later time, click the "Select School/Facility" link at the top of the page to return to the school/facility menu, or click "Logout" in the gray bar above to exit the application. See the User's Guide for additional information if you need further instructions.



On this screen you may edit the detailed graduation/dropout data you selected from the previous screen. Sections of data are broken down by class (you will need to scroll to view them all). Edit each section as needed (see #1). If you make a mistake in a section, click the reset button (see #2) and you will be directed to a location were you will have the option to restore the data to their original prepopulation state or last save.



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Cancel Reset

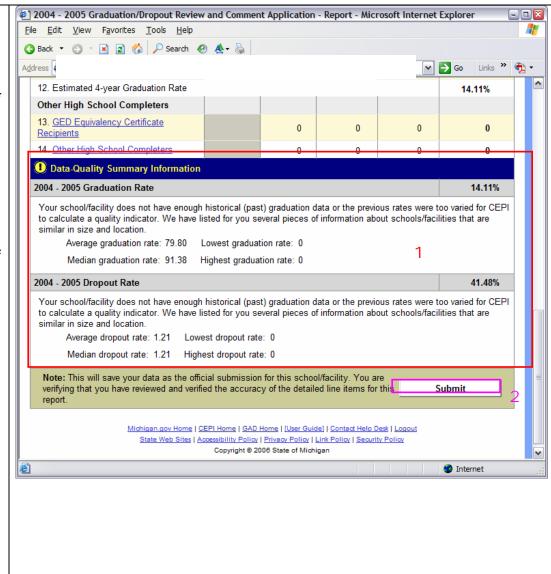
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Once you have corrected system identified errors, look at the bottom of the page for possible data quality issues. If data quality issues have been identified, please review the information and make any necessary updates (see #1).

When the systemidentified errors have been corrected, the "Submit" button (see #2) at the bottom of the page will activate.

Note: you can submit data with a data quality issue.

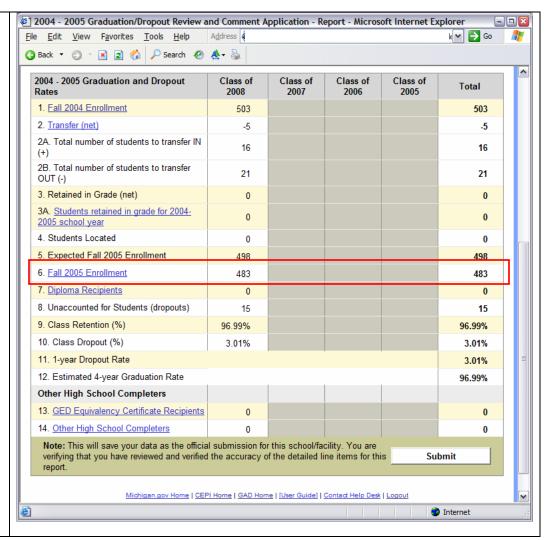
In addition, district data can be viewed once school/facility data are error free. However the district data can not be submitted until the school/facility data have been submitted.



9th-Grade Schools/Facilities

The 9th-grade schools/facilities will not receive graduation and dropout rates; however, the data from the 9th-grade schools/facilities will be utilized to calculate the district-level graduation and dropout rates. The data from the 9th-grade schools/facilities must be submitted.

NOTE: Item 6. Fall 2005 Enrollment is the count of students that were enrolled in the 10th grade at a school/facility within your district. (For more information on the fall 2005 enrollment, see the "Details of Michigan's 2004-2005 Graduation and Dropout Methodology" on CEPI's Web site.)



Need further help?

If you have problems with your MEIS account or password while you are using the GAD on the MEIS system, or other system issues, please contact the Department of Information Technology (DIT) Client Service Center at 517-335-0505, or by e-mail at Help-Desk@michigan.gov.